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1. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH HAVE TILL NOW PROVIDED
ZAMBIA ONLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THEY ARE
PREPARED TO BEGIN MODEST PROJECT LOAN PROGRAM
IF THE GOZ COMES UP WITH ATTRACTIVE PROJECT
PROPOSALS. THE BALL IS CURRENTLY IN ZAMBIAN COURT

AND ALTHOUGH SOME SPECIFIC PROJECT REQUESTS MAY COME OUT OF BILATERALS WITH ZAMBIANS ON JUNE 28, FRENCH FEEL THAT ACTUAL PLEDGES WOULD BE PREMATURE. FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY, THEY HAVE "EARMARKED" 50-60MM FRANCS FOR SUCH LENDING.

2. FRENCH BELIEVE NEED FOR AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION IS GLARING AND ARE SYMPATHETIC TO GOZ EFFORTS AND GOOD INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD AND IN ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AREA. THEY ARE SKEPTICAL AS TO EARLY RESULTS BUT TOLERANT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF GOZ GOOD INTENTIONS AND EFFORTS AT DEMOCRACY. THEY SEE ZAMBIA AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF COUNTRY FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND BETTER COORDINATION OF DONOR EFFORTS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. THEY HOPE THAT "SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT FOR AFRICA" (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GISCARD FUND PROPOSAL) BEING DISCUSSED IN PARIS JUNE 22 AND 23 WILL LAY GROUNDWORK UPON WHICH TO BUILD IN ADDRESSING ZAMBIA'S PROBLEMS NEXT WEEK.
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